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ANNUAL REPORT OF RED CROSS SOCIETY

At the regular monthly meeting of the Vulcan and District Red Cross Society which was held in the Legion hall, Wednesday, Jan. 5th at 3 p.m., the annual report of the various committees were given.

Report of surgical dressings for 1943 was given by Mrs. Jack Marshall. Surgical dressings have been made as needed on request from divisional headquarters. They consisted of various types of hospital dressings, namely: compresses, wipes of large, medium and small size.

A total of 11,380 surgical dressings were made and sent during the year of 1943.

Convenor of the work committee for 1944 is Mrs. Woolford, assisted by Mrs. Dawson, Mrs. F. Gold, Mrs. F. Simington and Mrs. W. Hill. Mrs. P. Clark is convenor of the cutting committee.

The following is a report of the work committee for 1943:

During the year 17 shipments were made to the Alberta Division containing 1951 articles of which 1278 were refugee supplies; 499 knitted articles; 24 donated articles; 24 hospital supplies, 106 large quilts, 6 crib quilts, 1 afghan, 10 blankets. There were 54 voluntary workers and 17 organizations. Of these workers there were eleven who had taken work only once.

Very special mention should be Mrs. Shimp who has been a very faithful worker during the year having made 125 coats. Also worthy of mention are Miss Fair, Mrs. Thorsten, Mrs. Johnston, Mrs. G. R. Love, Mrs. Gooding and many others have also been faithful workers.

Good Deeds W.L. is the most outstanding having made 416 articles as well as seven large quilts and four crib quilts. Also worthy of honorable mention is the Berrywater U.F.W.A. assisted by a group of young girls, and the Eastway Social Club.

Group 1 of the United Church made 24 quilts; Kirkcaldy W.L. made 15 quilts; Thigh Hill W.L. 11 quilts; Reid Hill W.L., 9 large quilts and a crib quilt. Group 2 of the United Church, 9 quilts; Eastway Social Club 7 quilts as well as other beautiful work. Credit also goes to the Ladies' Circle of the Church of Christ, U & I Sewing Club; Armada Community Club; Group 3 of the United Church; Ensign C.W.L.; St. John's Church, Lomond; Vulcan C.W.L., as well as Mrs. Spanke, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Wismer, Miss Stein and others.

Special thanks is extended the Eastway Social Club for their donation of 10 blankets; Highland's Social Credit Group, 1 blanket; Mrs. Churchill Sr., for her monthly donation of children's clothing; Una Love, children's booties sweaters, etc.; and the Kirkcaldy W.L. for a parcel of used clothing.

The cash donations during the year amounted to \$158.95 of which the Vulcan Sewing Club gave \$27.75 for damage bags; Grades 5 and 6 \$9.12; Grades 1 and 2, \$8.30, and Grades 3 and 4, \$3.93, also for damage bags; Thigh Hill W.L., \$16; U & I Sewing Club, \$13; Group 3 United Church \$5; Kirkcaldy W.L., \$3.85; C.W.L. \$2.00 and Good Deeds W.L., \$2.00 as well as individual contributions. \$48.10 was sent to the Alberta Division for damage bags, the remainder to be kept here for the work committee.

A layette and clothing for the mother, was given to one family who lost everything by fire.

I wish to extend sincere thanks to members of my committee for their willing help at all times and especially Mrs. Hill for convening the cutting committee and to the other members, Mrs. Woolford and Mrs. Percy Clark for their faithfulness in working on the committee, also to Mrs. W. B. Jamison, Mrs. Reid and Mrs. Benoit for their assistance each week.

The work committee extend sincere thanks to the press secretary, Mrs. Elves; to Mrs. Ulrich in making all the buttonholes; to the Vulcan Co-Op for carrying parcels to and from the depot and to all who gave of their time, energy and money to this worthy cause.—E. H. Dawson, Convenor.

The Vulcan and District Red Cross Society would like to take this opportunity to thank the Vulcan Advocate for their kindness in reporting the activities of this organization during the past year. The co-operation of our local paper, is much appreciated.

Sir Lyman Duff, chief justice of Canada, retired on Jan. 7.

Livestock marketings through Albera stockyards at Calgary for the year 1943 have set an all time record. The value was almost 13,000,000.

The Gallup poll asking what should be done with Germany, taken in Canada, United States, Britain and Australia, shows majority favors supervision, disarmament and rehabilitation rather than destruction as a political entity.

Drought threatens the U.S. wheat belt with winter snow much less than usual.

Russia Still On Great Offensive

Red Armies Driving Toward Berlin in Invincible Force. Bombers Continue Havoc in Germany

The winter campaign in Russia is resulting in terrible losses to German forces no less than steady gain of territory. Russian troops west of Kiev have cut into Poland on an advance which gains daily in new territory. In the Dnieper bend, scores of villages have been captured in the last few days, with fleeing troops abandoning equipment and supplies, and a large number of prisoners taken. From Stalingrad, the Russians have advanced 775 miles in the past year. A new capture is Rukitno, which is only 592 miles from Berlin. With ever, circumstance discouraging to German action in Russia, Nazi propagandists have been telling the German people that it may be found necessary to withdraw from Russia entirely. The whole line of battle from Leningrad to the Black Sea is a scene of intense Red Army effort.

The Italian campaign has been slowed down by weather which has prevented full use of air support. But San Vittore was captured by Americans this week, and the British troops are on the edge of the Cassino plain which is better adapted for tank warfare.

Mosquito bombers have been attacking German centres night after night, and a heavy U.S. bomber assault on the poison gas and chemical centre of Ludwigshafen turned that city into a sea of fire.

In the South Pacific the advance against Japan is becoming more rapid with new aircraft carriers available and aircraft causing great damage to barges and supply vessels round New Guinea.

An unofficial rumor is that Allied armies are landing on the Adriatic coast of Yugoslavia. But there is strong belief that the fiercest attack will be made on the western coast of France. The retirement of General McNaughton as head of the Canadian army in Britain makes the position of the Canadians still in Britain, in doubt as to whether they will fight as a unit or be absorbed in the English army.

Post War Problems
While the trend of the war is toward complete defeat of Germany, and no separate peace is to be considered by any member of the Allied Nations, thought is being given to post-war questions. Russia and Poland are presenting differences. Russia holds that the eastern border of Poland is that which was established by Germany and Russia by agreement in the fall of '39 after Germany had overrun the whole of the western half. The Poles claim that the eastern border of their country was that which was established after the Polish-Russian war. The Russians assert that they have not yet crossed into Poland, but into a Russian province.

In Yugoslavia there are two groups both fighting Germany but otherwise widely split. One group is said to have Fascist sympathies and the other is Communist, recognized by Russians.

When Sam Brown Was Local Member

A clipping from an Edmonton paper, probably twenty years old, has come to light. It contains press gallery comments on the doings of legislators of that period, in the early twenties. The government was U.F.A. Sam Brown of Blackie was M.L.A. for High River district, and quite an amount of space is devoted to the columnist's comment to Mr. Brown. It is sad and rather surprising to realize how many of the chief actors of that day have passed on. The clipping makes much reference to Jerry Hefferman, a gentleman of legal turn of mind who was much concerned, at the evening session under fire, over the number of lawyers employed in the attorney-general's department. He also tangled with Sam Brown "on personal covenants in mortgages, and the amount of money the banks have, and won't let go of."

The columnist says: "Sam steps right into the front rank of legislative merrymakers, as a result of his funny kidding of J. W. Hefferman about the personal covenant and loans from banks. Mr. Hefferman said he was quite pleased to put Sam right, and, as one Irishman to another, he handed the burly High River farmer a bundle of beautiful legal advice, free gratis and for nothing."

"A brother scribe in the press gallery remarked 'Well, Sam may be an Irishman, but from the way he's getting free legal advice he looks to me like a canny Scot.'"

"The assumed simple look with which Mr. Brown put his questions to Mr. Hefferman was too good for words. Whenever Sam has a real urge to don cap and bells, we'll always have a place for him in this column."



ITALIANS HELP ALLIES AGAINST NAZI SNIPERS

Picture shows: Italian soldiers helping the Allies fire on Nazi snipers in the ruins of Castellamare on the coast in the Gulf of Naples.

Good Causes Aided Milo Charity Ball

Funds Go to Four Charitable Causes Films of Lazy H Ranch, Death of N. H. McLeod

Friends of this district were shocked hear of the death of Norman Laughlin McLeod who operated the Wheat Pool elevator here from 1927 to 1937, and the Wheat Pool elevator at Hussar since that time. He is believed to have suffered a heart attack following a siege of influenza. He was born in Lacombe on January 3rd, 1900 and enlisted with 151st Battalion in January, 1915 at the age of 15 years. At the time of his demise he was Sergeant-Major of the Second 22nd Battery (R) at Hussar. Surviving are his wife Marion and an infant son, Norman James. He was a member of the Masonic order A.F. & A.M. and also belonged to the Harmony Chapter of Royal Arch Masons at Bassano. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Henry G. Rees at Jacques Funeral Chapel and the interment took place at Clive.

The Charity Ball under the auspices of the Milo order of the I.O.O.F. was a huge success and realized the sum of \$155. This money is to be divided between the Wood's Christian Home, the Junior Red Cross, the Smokeless Soldiers fund and the Milk for Britain fund. The supper under the management of the Milo and District branch of the Red Cross netted \$39.75. The management of both organizations wish to thank all who contributed to this success.

The wheat quota has been raised an additional three bushels at Queens-town bring it to ten bushels.

Miss Eileen Hough of Queenstown has been called to Weyburn, Sask., to attend the funeral of her father who passed away following an attack of influenza.

Some of the citizens of the district, particularly those who still engage in Alberta's oldest industry, received quite a thrill when the Howell Bros. of Armada, who operate a moving picture show here, showed a technical film of branding day at the Lazy H Ranch. Although the lads lacked some of the accoutrements considered essential in the Hollywood versions, most of them filmed well and no one would be surprised were they to receive an offer from some movie magnate. Personally we thought had they known they were being photographed some of the lads might have done a little grandstanding or at least made a pretext of being busy.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Williams and family of Arrowood were visitors at Clarence Umschids.

Pte. Reuben Boe who has been stationed on the Pacific Coast is home on a lengthy leave.

Ray Beckner was home on leave from Ucluelet, B.C. for a two week furlough and his engagement to Miss Edith Woods of Vulcan has been announced.

A party and dance in honour of Billy Enzen was given by friends of the Lake McGregor district at the Sunny Lake school.

Mr. Bruce Marsden and Mrs. Walter Marsden, Mr. J. M. Thomson and Mrs. M. L. Haggins attended the funeral of Norman McLeod at Calgary.

An interesting letter has been received by H. L. Haggins from his son Gerald who recently returned from North Africa. Gerald tells of the Canadians tendency to pull the Englishman's leg on occasion and sends a cartoon showing two Canadian soldiers and two Englishmen standing before Big Ben. Said one Canuck to the other in a tone that could be overheard, "That clock reminds me of the one on our town hall except that it is hardly as big." Said the other, "I wonder if that is the right time." The look of horror on the faces of the Londoners can be better imagined than described.

Brant Old Timer Sells Business

George B. McKay, one of the pioneer business men of Brant, has sold his General merchandizing business to Lincoln Linquist, formerly of Bulwark near Coronation. Mr. Linquist has now taken over the business. Mr. and Mrs. McKay will remain in Brant for a time.

Mr. McKay has been prominently associated with the history of Brant for the past thirty-three years, and it is a satisfaction to fellow residents that he and Mrs. McKay are not severing their connection with the town. He established his general store in April, 1913, but previous to that he had homesteaded south of Brant, and in 1911 and '12 had bought grain and sold coal and lumber in the district.

That was before the railway line was completed. Those were the days of huge crops round Brant, mainly oats. It was not until the war years of 1914-18 that the district proved itself as a wheat growing area.

In the early days Brant had a considerably larger population than at present with a bank and more business places to serve the public. But the rural population was larger. Homesteaders were pouring in and proving up. In course of years many drifted away and the later tendency has been toward larger individual farms, and consequently a smaller rural population to support town business.

Brant, like other smaller centres, has had reason to dread fires. Several times this menace has taken its toll. In 1913 the Brant store was destroyed by fire; then in the thirties Dan Fraser's store was burned. This fall fire struck twice, destroying a Chinese restaurant and T. Johns' pool hall and later the Brant hotel.

But in spite of such periodic discouragements, Brant citizens have woven together a brisk and congenial community life in which Mr. and Mrs. McKay and their family have taken a leading part.

In retiring from business Mr. McKay speaks with warm appreciation of the patronage he has enjoyed and the happy business relations of the past thirty years. He hopes that the same goodwill and consideration will be extended to his successor Mr. Linquist.

When Six Hours Seemed 15 Minutes

The Sears brothers of Nanton, have a nephew serving with the U.S. Navy. He is a son of Warren Sears of Los Angeles who is well known in this district. Dick was with the fleet at Pearl Harbor, and was just 17 years of age at that time when he received his first baptism of fire. When the Japs struck he was below deck changing his clothes to go on leave. He hit the deck clad only in shorts, but he and another lad were amongst the first to go into attack. They fired a big gun of the battleship Maryland for six hours steady and in recalling it afterward they said it seemed like fifteen minutes. They were credited however, with getting two of the attacking Jap planes.

A curious incident of that time was that Dick's aunt in Alberta, dreamed that he had been wounded. She wrote to his mother inquiring about it and his mother replied that he had not been injured. But later, when he returned to base in California, the mother learned that he had been wounded twice, though not seriously, in the engagement.

In more recent date he has been engaged with the fleet in battle round Gilbert Islands, and had 12 hours' leave at home not long ago after 68 days at sea without stopping at any port.

OBITUARY

OLDTIMER PASSES

Funeral services for John Jacobson, 57, well known pioneer of this district, who passed away Friday, Jan. 7, following a lengthy illness, were held from the Vulcan United Church, Wednesday afternoon, Rev. J. L. Wright, officiating.

Mr. Jacobson who was born April 4, 1886 in North Dakota, came to Canada in 1904 taking up a homestead in what was later to be Vulcan district. He continued to farm here until 1927 when he moved to Calgary. For the past three years he had lived in the floodley district.

In 1918 he was married to Anna Vennemark who survives him. He also leaves to mourn his passing, two brothers Isaac and Martin Jacobson.

Dick Parslow, Steve Slyzen, Manuel Rushfeldt, Mark Jose, Pete Lundgren and Dan Jantzie acted as pallbearers. The Snodgrass Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

SHIRLEY IRVING

Shirley May Irving, beloved daughter of Mrs. Jennie Irving of Vulcan, passed away in Vulcan hospital on January 7 following a long illness. She is survived by her mother, 6 brothers and four sisters. They are George and Ernest of DeWinton; Trooper Thomas at Dundurn; Cecil with the Calgary Highlanders overseas; David and Harry of Vulcan; Mrs. Robert Fisher of Okotoks; Mrs. Lloyd Brown, Canstairs; Mrs. Chas. McEwen and Lorna of Vulcan. She was predeceased by her father in 1932.

She was born in Vulcan and attended school at Union Jack and Vulcan until illness prevented. Funeral services were held in Vulcan United Church on Jan. 11 at 2 p.m. with Rev. J. L. Wright officiating at the service. Interment was at Vulcan cemetery, with Snodgrass Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

U.S. Citation For Sgt. Westersund

Air Corps Technical Sergeant Varno Westersund of Blackie, who has been serving for some time with U.S. forces in the South Pacific, has been honored with a U.S. citation for outstanding service and devotion to duty. The citation has been passed on to his mother, for safekeeping, and reads as follows:

"Varno C. Westersund (19060424) Technical Sergeant, Air Corps, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights throughout the South Pacific area and on numerous trips to Australia, New Guinea, Hawaii and the United States. As crew chief of a B-24 Type airplane during the period of January to October 1943, he often was largely responsible for the safe conduct of high military officials. On one trip when four propellers went out of control on take-off, Sergeant Westersund acted promptly and coolly and displayed high technical skill in overcoming the trouble; thereby materially aiding the pilot in saving the airplane and its passengers. On two different occasions, he personally extinguished fires in the B-24 while in flight. His display of technical knowledge and devotion to duty during this period was outstanding, and when on occasion danger arose, his courage and coolness were an example of the highest tradition of the Army Air Force. His home address, Blackie, Alberta, Canada."

His home district is very proud of this young man, who overcame great educational handicaps in entering the branch of service which he desired, and making a conspicuous success during training. He was in competition with university graduates and young men of much more extensive educational background. The type of training would have discouraged many a young man at the outset, but Varno accepted the challenge and proved his ability. He has been given posts of ever greater responsibility in the South Pacific and the citation recently received is an official acknowledgment of achievement.



Word has been received by Mrs. B. J. Whitehead that her husband Tpr. Boyd Whitehead is now stationed in Italy.

BERRYWATER NEWS

The Berrywater U.F.W.A. met at the home of Mrs. D. Smith for its first regular meeting of 1944 with Mrs. Douglass, the president presiding. There was a fair attendance of members and the meeting opened by repeating the Lord's Prayer. Two committee reports were read and adopted and the money taken in at the recent card party held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Douglass was voted to the Vulcan Red Cross for the Milk for Britain fund. After the regular business was dispensed with a round-table discussion was held on the annual convention in Calgary. Discussion was led by Mrs. Oldfield. Mrs. H. Douglass will represent the local at the convention. Following the meeting a delicious hot lunch was served by the hostess assisted by Mrs. Love. The next meeting will be held February 2nd at the home of Mrs. W. Oldfield.

The U.F.A. did not hold a meeting on the date that the U.F.W.A. did owing to a scarcity of members, but will hold a meeting Feb. 2d at the Oldfield home. Members please note.

Rev. Mr. Wright addressed a fair attendance at church Sunday last. The next service will be held on January 23rd.

The lucky winners at the card party held at the Douglass home were: ladies' first, Mrs. Douglass; second, Mrs. D. Smith; gent's first, Mr. Love; second Mr. Richardson.

A number of the district young people enjoyed a pleasant afternoon of skating when little Miss Marilyn Munson acted as hostess to her school friends and neighbors.

Friends of Miss Dorothy Adams will be pleased to learn she has sufficiently recovered from her recent operation to return home from hospital.

Congratulations are being extended to Mr. and Mrs. Tom Houlton on the recent birth of a son.

THIGH HILL W. L.

The January meeting of the Thigh Hill W.L. was held at the home of Mrs. W. S. Hill on Thursday, Jan. 6, with eight members and two visitors present. Roll call was answered with recipes for hot suppers. Mrs. Hill volunteered to represent the W.L. on the Rest Room committee. Mrs. A. McKague was elected vice-president to take the place of Mrs. Myers. Mrs. Mainland offered to be liaison officer and keep the members informed of all news from the Price Control Board.

It was decided to hold another produce sale in the cold storage plant in Vulcan on January 15th, the sale to start at three sharp. Mrs. Clifford will convene the sale. After much discussion it was decided that each member make one quilt before April 1st, the batt and lining to be furnished by the Red Cross as usual. Mrs. Roy Deal reported one quilt turned in to the Red Cross in December.

A meeting of the executive was held before the regular meeting at the home of the Roy Deal and the programs for 1944 were arranged. Mrs. Boyd McKay very kindly offered to type same. Two new members were added to the group, namely Mrs. P. Myers and Mrs. B. McKay. A dainty lunch was served by the hostess and enjoyed by all. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. L. G. Clifford when Mrs. T. Clifford will be the joint hostess.

MYERS - LEVERS

A quiet wedding of much interest in the Vulcan and Reid Hill districts took place in Wesley United Church, Saskatoon, Thursday, December 16th when Dorothy Jean, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Levers became the bride of ERH. Elwood Earl Myers, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Percy Myers, Vulcan. Rev. Forsay officiating.

Miss Marj. Levers attended her sister as bridesmaid, while Mr. John Levers supported the groom.

The bride wore gold crepe gown with sequin trim and her accessories were of brown. Her corsage was of Talisman roses and she wore a cameo necklace, a gift of the groom. The bridesmaid chose a dress of blue crepe and her corsage was of pink roses.

Following the ceremony a reception for twenty-two close friends and relatives was held at the home of the bride's parents. The reception rooms were tastefully decorated with 'mums and carnations and a three-tier wedding cake centred the bride's table.

At present the young couple are visiting at the home of the groom's parents here and plan on making their home in Edmonton temporarily where Mr. Myers has been posted.

Almost 600,000 acres in England and Wales are taken over for air and military purposes.

There will be three times as many shotgun shells produced in 1944 as in 1943, but this is still less than 70% of the normal pre-war output.

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TAX EXEMPTION

UNDER the compulsion of war, government-owned projects have increased. There may be further increase in government ownership, and if the C.C.F. got into power, there is prospect of many private industries and corporations becoming nationalized. What will be the status of government-owned projects in respect to taxation? Will they be treated exactly the same as those privately owned?

A recent decision, handed down in Manitoba was that the Canadian Wheat Board is a corporation separate from the government. This opinion, if upheld by higher courts makes the Canadian Wheat Board subject to taxation on the same basis as private grain companies.

The Letter-Review commenting on the decision says: "If higher courts support Mr. Justice Donovan of Manitoba, the Canadian Wheat Board should have to pay taxes on its profits (if it makes profit) in place of distributing it all to the farmers. That would be justice. But the C.B.C. and the Ontario Hydro, which are corporations owned by the government, and competing with private companies, do not pay Dominion taxes. The

whole question of government-owned companies and taxation is a most important one and should be taken up at once."

Even within the small sphere of civic affairs, and from a somewhat different angle, the immunity of government from the tax imposed on the common man, has become a contentious matter. The old doctrine that Crown property cannot be taxed creates a grave injustice. The B.N.A. Act does say that no land or property belonging to Canada or any province should be liable to taxation. But the tremendous expansion of government-owned property during the war has brought the whole question to forefront of attention. There is no reason why a commercially profitable enterprise under government ownership should be exempt from carrying its full share of tax responsibilities.

From a municipal standpoint there are many cases in which Crown war plants have brought in a great influx of population, which in turn places a heavy strain on educational and hospital facilities and other services. Extra costs devolving upon the municipality should certainly be carried by the Crown through the medium of municipal taxation.

In the local sphere it has been felt that such properties as the post office, the telephone building, the government liquor store, should contribute to municipal taxation. Many other municipalities have much stronger reasons for the same belief. Alberta Treasury branches are another example of government institutions which have no right to exemption. There are examples of buildings formerly paying big tax revenue, now occupied by government projects and tax free, though in competition with private industry which is taxed.

In the larger Canadian sphere are such projects as C.B.C., Canadian Wheat Board, Ontario Hydro Electric and others, enjoying a favored position although actually in competition with privately-owned business. In the more localized view there are the little pinpricks of immunity allowed to government-owned buildings. It all adds to the argument that the B.N.A. Act needs revamping.

national and individual appreciation of the necessity for taking advantage of every trade opening. Organizations of every sort should keep post-war reconstruction actively in the public mind.

Mr. Anderson suggested further that in the post-war future Canada should be well represented in every country and every large foreign city by young Canadians having technical and business experience.

"These representatives should have thorough knowledge of Canada and her products," he said, "and should be trained for the job of attracting business and tourists. Why not train some of our young citizens of foreign extraction who can speak and write in their mother tongue, for the important positions as Canada's trade ambassadors?"

He proposed further that some joint scheme for representation could be devised by government and industry, and that competitive organizations could sink their differences and get together in common interest.

This vigorous outlook of Mr. Anderson captures imagination, because it is possible. Export trade is vital to continuing employment and activity. But the government must give every opportunity for developing technical and engineering skill amongst its young people. And the emissaries to foreign countries must be young. They must be Canadians thoroughly acquainted with their country. It is a future prospect which challenges youth and all the powers and ambitions of youth. But the older people now at home must pave the way.

PERTINENT TOPICS

DISCUSSED BY H.C.

We suggested not long ago that there are people in Canada who will think this a wasted war if it fails to estrange Canada from Britain. Well, not waiting for a better case or cause, the Financial Post gives three possible reasons for McNaughton's retirement. The first one is "the opposition of high-ranking British officers to McNaughton's restless, inquiring and inventive genius." It stresses the point still further by stating that it ought to be clarified whether they "resented his untiring and penetrating genius for new and better ways of winning the war." Not misinformation but malevolence lurks behind that monstrous slander.

The General is the victim of a policy adopted at Ottawa in pursuance of a fifty-fifty war programme to which he adhered loyally even after the Defence Minister had started to back up. Insistence upon an army serving as a separate entity was a means to the end sought. Casualties were to be avoided as long as possible for they meant replacements which might stir up a demand for conscription. No doubt, high-ranking British officers would have liked to have some Canadian divisions in Africa in 1941 and 1942, but they were not offered until 1943 when it was too late. By that time there were more British and Americans there than were needed. Canadians were, however, given a chance in Sicily and Italy where their valorous conduct earned the high praise of General Montgomery.

It is not the intent of strikers to help Japan and Germany, but what difference does that make? The effect is the same. Hitler and Hirohito value them no matter what the intent.

When the war broke out Britain gave to France the secret of her radio devices. When France fell she gave it to Germany but Germany had sized up its ally better than Britain had sized up hers. It did not disclose the secrets to Italy.

The C.C.F. adventure into municipal politics in many cities did not meet with much success. Encouraged by unexpected successes in other years they openly entered into the field as a party. Those initial successes were due to a small vote of the general electorate. (In one eastern city last year only, one out of five took the trouble to vote). Mr. Cowden points out after the event that the municipal franchise is different and so it is, but that was known at the time the municipal invasion was decided upon. Notwithstanding this setback the C.C.F. is still formidable in federal and provincial elections where its threat to the naves may make an appeal to the have-nots.

In an interview at Regina, Mr. Cowden blamed the federal government for doing what it is told instead of acting as a partner in a general plan. He did not specify from whom it took its instructions—certainly it is not from Mr. Cowden himself whose advice was to take no part in the war except as manufacturers and merchants. Some members and many supporters of the government would have liked to follow his counsel, but decided instead to go into it in a moderate way, and it can well claim that the people endorsed that policy and that it has been carried out.

Having read the full text of Hitler's latest, we conclude that he did not write it himself, or, if he did, his literary style has improved. "The general ideas are his but the ranting and raving, the bombast and braggadocio are gone. There is a pathetic plea to Britain in it to accept his protection against bolshevism and the mastery of Stalin while yet there is time. We can well believe now that Hess did not fly to Britain without orders from his superior and a message to Garcia."

Horst Wessel was a common Nazi gangster slain in the early days of Nazism whom the Nazis sought to canonize and make a martyr. At party gatherings the Horst Wessel song was sung and each young fanatic felt he'd like to be a martyr himself to the sacred cause. If it is still sung at such meetings nothing is said about it, but it would be too much to expect that they dropped him as a hero on learning that he was only a thug and killer. A better theme for a Nazi song now would be the Schornhorst-Vessel.

A soldier who has to travel a good deal through Canada marvels at the many civilian inspectors and other officials he meets and he wonders how they make their livelihood. My country 'tis off thee.

President Green of the A.F.L. challenges anyone to prove that railway and steel strikes provide an effective propaganda weapon for the enemy. Goebbels thinks it does and is using it. With what effect we do not know, but we would wager good money that the war would be over in a month if such strikes were taking place in Germany. It is not alone the effect such disturbances have in

Church Notes

ANGELICAN CHURCH

The annual meeting of the Parishioners of St. Aldhelm's church will be held in the church hall on Sunday, 16th January, immediately after the 7:30 Evensong. Church school will be held at the usual hour of 12.15.

The Epiphany is amongst the more important of the festivals in the Church's year. Services on the First Sunday after the Epiphany will be Holy Communion at 11 a.m.; church school at 12.15; and evensong at 7.30 in St. Aldhelm's church. 3 o'clock service will be held in Eastway school house. Annual meeting will be after Evensong on 16th Jan.

UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

Rev. John L. Wright, Minister. Divine worship 11 a.m. every Sunday. Sunday school 12.15 noon; evening service 7.30 p.m.; Young Peoples Union 8.45 p.m.

Services in Brant church at 3 p.m. on the first and third Sunday and in Berrywater school the same hour on the second and fourth Sundays of each month. Everyone heartily welcomed. Strangers and visitors and persons in uniform are cordially invited.

CHURCH OF CHRIST NOTES

Lord's Supper at 11.30 a.m. with Bible School preceding at 10.30. Evening service at 7.30. Young People's at 8.30 on Sunday evening. You will enjoy these bright, inspiring services. Prayer meeting on Tuesday evening at 8 in the parsonage. Everyone is welcome.



By Dr. K. W. Neatby
Director, Agricultural Department
North-West Line Elevators Association

Health Certificates for Seed—A Definite Post-War Plan

At present, there is no single laboratory where farmers may obtain information on the general health of seed samples. It is impossible to obtain maximum yields of high quality grain, unless the following considerations receive due attention:

1. Pure seed of a suitable variety.
2. Good cropping and tillage practices.
3. A high percentage of seeds capable of vigorous germination.
4. Absence of seed-borne diseases or provision for control.
5. The quantity and kind of weed seeds in the seed.

Our post-war plan includes these tests

Item three has engaged our attention for three years. Confidence in our tests has been well maintained and demands on the service have increased as follows:
1940-41 — 4,934 samples
1941-42 — 9,083 samples
1942-43 — 11,078 samples
Judging from receipts to date, we shall probably test about 13,000 samples this year.

Many farmers are asking for information on seed-borne diseases, the necessity for seed treatment, and on weed seeds. As a result, we have been authorized by our Line Elevator sponsors to announce, as a post-war plan, the expansion of our laboratory facilities so as to provide for a complete clinical examination of cereal crop seeds. For the first year, we shall undertake to make complete tests on wheat only, continuing with germination tests on oats, barley, rye and flax.

Canada must be prepared to meet competition on the world wheat market. To do so we must jealously guard our reputation for high quality and this, plus service to the individual farmer, is our purpose.

enemy countries but their effect at home. A condition that permits such actions in wartime affects the morale of our own soldiers and civilians, and increases public apprehension, while at the same time pepping the spirits of the enemy that has other reasons to feel depressed.

A human interest story of long ago relates that a young Englishman came west, was unable to get work, he appealed to a hotelkeeper in a Manitoba town to provide him the necessities of life. The two became friends. Later the hotelkeeper met with reverses and sought work elsewhere. His old friend called on him and handed him a check for \$50,000. It appears the Englishman felt he owed \$2,000,000 and he came to the rescue of his friend.



FOR A MILD, COOL SMOKE

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Physician and Surgeon
Office Phone 44 — Res. Phone 98
Carson Block Vulcan, Alta.

H. J. Maber, K.C.
SOLICITOR, BARRISTER AND NOTARY PUBLIC
Vulcan Street — Vulcan
Office Phone 45 — House Phone 43

L.H. Stack, K.C.
BARRISTER, SOLICITOR, NOTARY
Imperial Hotel Block, Vulcan
Vulcan Ph. 39 — Calgary Ph. M2515
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IN MEMORIAM

In memory of Roy J. Ferguson who passed away January 11th, 1935—
Ever remembered by his wife and son.

"Memory drifts to scenes long past,
Time rolls on, but memories last;
Sunshine passes, shadows fall,
Love's remembrance outlasts all."



Many have planned through their purchases of Victory Bonds, War Savings Certificates and Insurance, to make their post-war dreams come true. It is a good idea to keep these valuable SAFE until needed. Your TREASURY BRANCHES offer you two methods of safe-keeping for valuables. Safety deposit boxes to which you alone hold the key, and personally-sealed envelopes held under supervision in TREASURY BRANCH safes. The cost is so low, the security so great, it will pay to see your local TREASURY BRANCH manager today.

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ADVOCATE CLASSIFIEDS

FOR SALE—One York Boar, 11 months old, with papers. Apply to Mr. W. Robson, Vulcan, Phone R1809. 22-2-p

WANTED—Small Electric Radio. Good condition. Apply Box 284, Vulcan. 23-3-p

FOR SALE—Van Brunt 18-run Press Drill and One-way 8½ Massey Harris Wheatland Seeder, power lift. Apply A. McKague, Vulcan, Phone R1205. 21-2-p

FOR SALE—Young newly-freshened Milk Cow, also several more cows to freshen soon. Apply B. R. Lommatzsch, Vulcan, phone 1009. 22-2-p

FOR SALE—15 month old Yorkshire Boar. Apply to R. N. Hill, 15 miles north of Vulcan on the highway. Phone R607. 22-2-p

FOR SALE—Purebred Shorthorn Bull, aged 4 yrs. Apply Phil Lucas, Phone R 303 23-3-p

FOUND—Waterman Fountain Pen on Vulcan Streets, Sunday night, Dec. 19th. Owner may have same by calling at the Advocate office and identifying same.

AUCTION SALE

Last Saturday of every month. Bring your offerings in before noon of sale date. You are sure of getting Massey Harris repairs in High River as you are in Calgary. Exactly same prices. Col. Hitchner, Auctioneer, Massey Harris Agent, phone 175, High River.

It is estimated that 400,000 men and probably at least 100,000 women have left the farms since 1939 to engage in war work.

Alberta hog marketings are expected to range about 2,350,000 mark with Ontario in second place with 2,000,000.

Harry Williams, driver of the automobile which ran into the ambulance carrying Mrs. Laura Charles of Calgary, has been charged with manslaughter. The injury which Mrs. Charles suffered in the collision hastened her death.

NEWS OF INTEREST

The death occurred on Dec. 22 of Rufus M. Mace of Blind Creek and Carleton district. He was 86 years of age, and came from Iowa to the Blind Creek district in 1909, residing there since that time. Mr. Mace is survived by one son George of Carleton and a daughter in Salem, Oregon. His wife predeceased him in 1920. Interment was in the Gleichen cemetery on Dec. 24, with services attended by a large number of his old friends and neighbors.

Fifty young men and twenty-eight young women attending University have failed in reaching standard required at Christmas examinations and are told to leave university. They are expected to seek other employment in which they can make more successful contribution to war effort. This ruthless weeding out at Christmas, especially amongst freshies from the country who are just becoming adjusted to the university and the form of instruction, may yet prove a great mistake. Who can pass judgment on the competence of a student with only three months observation?

APPLICATION FOR LEASE OF ROAD ALLOWANCE OR SURVEYED HIGHWAY

Notice is hereby given that J. D. Hagerman of Kilkenny, has made application to the Minister of Public Works, Edmonton, for a lease of the following road allowance or surveyed highway, viz., between section 36-15-25-4th and 31-15-24-4th.

Any protest against the granting of the above mentioned lease must be forwarded to the Minister of Public Works, Edmonton, within thirty days from the date of this notice.

Dated at Vulcan, Alberta.

J. D. HAGERMAN (Applicant)

January 6th, 1944. 23-2-c

ARROWWOOD

Miss Fay Ritchies was married on Dec. 28th to Mr. J. Seeley at the Protestant Bible Institute in Calgary. The bride wore the traditional white with orange blossoms. The bridesmaid, her sister, Miss Kathleen Ritchies, wore pink. After the ceremony a reception was held at the Avenue Grill. The young couple left for a ten days' honeymoon at the coast. On their return they will live near Hussar.

Mrs. R. F. Williams and Mrs. McRae gave a large tea at the latter's home on the afternoon of Tuesday, Dec. 28th in honor of Mrs. Lorne Henry. This was given so that her many friends might see her varied and beautiful wedding gifts. They were assisted by Mrs. John Williams, Miss Laura Jane Williams, Miss Margaret Williams, Miss May Taber and Miss Myrtle McRae. A delicious lunch was served.

A shower for Miss Clara Beagle was given on Dec. 29th in the U.F.W. A. hall. It was sponsored by the ladies of the Church of the Brethren. Miss Beagle was the recipient of many pretty and useful gifts. Afterwards a dainty lunch was served.

Mrs. P. Coleman accompanied Mrs. Stielbats to Calgary on Wednesday night and returned home the next night.

Arrowwood was well represented at the New Year's Eve dance at Gleichen. Mr. and Mrs. E. Jacques and Dominic went up to Calgary for New Year's.

Mr. J. Sheeran is also a Calgary visitor this week-end.

Miss Myrtle McRae returned to Calgary on Jan. 2, as did also Miss Dorothy Jean Jones and Mr. Marvin Bishop.



"CANADA APPROVED" FLOUR AND BREAD

Additional evidence is being received of the high value to adults and children of "Canada Approved" vitamin B flour and bread.

We recommend farm housewives to try this excellent food.

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Three-quarters of a pound of SHUR-GAIN EGMAYER LAYING CONCENTRATE, per bird, per month—mixed with your own grains—provides a low cost, high production laying mash.

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For Greater Production

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Leave a sample of your seed wheat with our Agent for free germination test.



TORONTO REJECTS C.C.F.
Toronto voters rejected the C.C.F. organized attempt to get control of the city of Toronto recently. All 23 C.C.F. candidates were soundly defeated—12 for aldermanic posts, 10 for board of education. Mayor Fred

Coubay had a large majority for his fourth term.

Fifty German prisoners of war from a southern Alberta internment camp have been sent to a lumber camp in Northern Alberta.

Bob Edwards "Eye Opener"

Society notes and commotions. Confusion of names leads to corrections. Abolition of titles, in France a headache to girls who bought them, and the men to go with them.

(From High River Eye Opener 1944)

Men continually study women and know nothing about them. Women never study men and know all about them.

If they continue to rise in price, potatoes may soon appear in tissue paper kimono like peaches.

Society Notes

Mr. F. O. Bunkaby left last evening for Calgary where he will entrain on the westbound Brier for Banff, for the purpose of taking a bath.

Mrs. Jonathan Crummet of the west end of society will not receive next week. She died the day before yesterday and will be interred with due ceremony tomorrow.

During the remainder of the season Mrs. Alexander B. Castle will "at home" the second Tuesday after the first Wednesday of each month until October, when it will be the fifth Monday after the second Wednesday.

The many friends of Mrs. G. M. McCurk, the popular society leader, will be pleased to learn that her health is rapidly improving. The sore toe which has been greatly relieved by the application of bread potatoes, all of which she has been saving up to donate at Christmas to the poor in the form of bread pudding.

Society Note Corrections

We are requested to state in this column that the Pete Johnson of Calgary who is being held by the police for cutting his wife's throat is not Mr. P. T. Johnson the well known haberdasher of First Avenue West, where new spring stock is now on view.

The mutilated body of a man which was fished out of the Bow river in Calgary last Tuesday, and later identified as James Sweetenham, is no connection of Sweetenham Bros. who run the most up-to-date pool rooms (including an English billiard table) on Eighth avenue, Calgary. Snooker pool a specialty.

Hank Borden who was hanged at Lethbridge last week for a most atrocious murder is no relation to Hon. Robert Borden.

Friends of Mrs. J. B. Basham, the popular milliner, have asked us to

kindly inform the public that she is not the Mrs. Basham who was taken to the Ponoka Lunatic Asylum last week and lodged in a padded cell. Mrs. J. B. Basham has just got in her spring stock of hats and is prepared for a rushing business.

Miss Genevieve Gillan, the talented manicurist and sore toe specialist, is anxious that it should be known that she is not the Gillan woman who was recently charged with acquiring two cases of stolen liquor, the property of the Canadian Northern Railway. The latter lady is colored, while Genevieve is of the blonde persuasion with peroxide touch. She charges only 35 cts. for trimming the nails. Her parlor is in the David block in Calgary. Three taps on the door will secure admission.

Millionaires and Tiffes

Speaking of millionaires there is a lively shock in store for some of those rich feather head American girls who have bartered their bodies, souls and dollars for European titles. All titles are to be abolished in France. Titled Frenchmen are to have the pretty haubies taken from them by the government. A beastly shame is it not?

We have not heard whether the fathers of these girls are to get a rebate of ten or fifteen per cent on the original purchase money, but by right the titled sons-in-law should refund at least half. The wives themselves could demand compensation from the French government and run a good chance of getting it too, for the goods they bought has depreciated in value.

Among those whose hearts will be broken are Anna Gould who traded herself for a consideration to an impetuous idiot named Count Boni de Castellane; Maggie Mitchell of Oregon, who got staked by her father, Senator Mitchell and bought the Duke de la Rouchefoucauld. Carrie Livingstone invested her dough in Count de la Laugier-Villars. Miss Burden biew herself away to the Baron Lepelletier D'Awney. An ambitious widow wallowing in money picked out a title that would stagger the King of Kings, and bought it, becoming the Countess August de Roban-Cabor. Several others will be crying their eyes out as we go to press.

We regret to see that a young Canadian woman has recently married an English peer—eighty years of age—after satisfactory settlements had been made. These sort of marriages are virtually immoral, but if the old blither has money what can you expect. The wife then is interested only in her husband's speedy demise. Marriage today for Victory tomorrow!

List Of Second Hand Goods

New 1940-4 Tube Cabinet Automatic Tuning Marconi	\$65
1940-4 Tube Marconi Battery Mantel Set. Good as new	\$15
Automatic Pumping System complete with pipes and water tanks. Almost new, for	\$200
Large Size Unit, Ron Rectifier Battery Charger	\$35
Air Gun Painting Outfit, complete	\$15
A Quantity of New Truck and Car Fanbelts—25% Discount	\$ 5
Single Cot and Mattress	\$10
Dropside Couch, complete, almost new	\$6.50
New 48 in. Cable Bed Spring	\$70
9 ft. I. H. C. Stiff Tooth Cultivator, good as new	\$150
13 ft. Oliver Stiff-Tooth Cultivator, good as new	\$85
15 ft. I. H. C. Stiff-Tooth Dual Cultivator, fair condition, no shovels	\$100
Two 500 Gal. Gas Tanks with Pumps, selling each	

A Quantity of New Oliver Cultivator Shovels on hand

SEE H. W. JOHNSTON

PHONE 17, VULCAN

Test Your Seed Grain!

Pioneer Elevators have available modern seed grain germinating testing machines. Any farmer wishing to have his seed grain tested for germination may obtain tests free of charge through any Pioneer Elevator.

Consult our agent in your district regarding any of your agricultural problems.



VULCAN SCHOOL DISTRICT, No. 1902

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING of Ratepayers

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that a meeting of Electors and Ratepayers of the Vulcan School District, No. 1902, will be held in the basement of

THE BRICK SCHOOL, VULCAN, on

FRIDAY JAN. 28th

at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon

For the purpose of considering the Auditor's Report of the finances of the District for the year ending December 31st, 1943 and for such other business as may be brought before the meeting

By Order of the Board,

D.A. McAFEE,

Vulcan, Alberta

Sec. Treas.

4 Steps to Future Security



Provide for the future with War Savings Certificates.



Pay off debts and avoid making new ones.



Buy only what you need. Make what you have last longer.



Pay willingly any taxes that your country needs.

THE cost of waging a modern war is tremendous ... but the cost to us here at home, in dollars and cents, is insignificant and cheap when compared with the sacrifices our fighting men are making on the Battlefronts. DON'T LET OUR BOYS DOWN! Study and follow the above suggestions and do your part to speed victory and build security for yourself in later years.



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THE DRY DAYS

When Frank Brazil decided to settle at High River forty years or so ago, Phil Weinard, old timer, asked him what he planned to do. "How about farming?" asked Frank. "Farming?" exclaimed Phil Weinard. "You can't farm in this country. Don't you know it's so dry here that the gophers up on Gladys Ridge have to come down to High River for a drink."

There have been 449 Alberta schools closed because of teacher shortage. Pupils of 117 of these schools have had to remain home in other schools education is found elsewhere.

Forty thousand pheasants were shot this fall in the Brooks area. There were more hunters in the area than ever before, with shipments to U.S.A.

greater than usual.

In a U.S. survey, the No. 1 want for after the war is a car. Other desires are new homes, house repairs, electrical fixtures, farm implements, rugs, clothes, etc.

THE VULCAN ADVOCATE

Our news reporter cannot make a home to house canvass for news but we are always glad to have it handed in. We want all the news! We are just as pleased to mention your guests or your visit, as to mention the doings of your neighbors—but maybe your neighbors co-operate with us in getting the facts. Hand in your news items. Our Columns are open to them. And remember they must be in before Tuesday 5 o'clock p.m. to assure publication that week.

VULCAN THEATRE

Every Monday and Tuesday ---

British News Reel showing Canadian Troops Overseas

Fri., Sat., Jan. 14 & 15

Friday at 7:30 & 9:30 Saturday at 2:30, 7:30 & 9:30

"Northern Pursuit"

Errol Flynn Julie Bishop

Mon., Tues., Jan. 17 & 18

Monday 7:30 & 9:30 Tuesday at 8:30

"Constant Nymph"

Charles Boyer Joan Fontaine

Wed., Thur., Jan. 19 & 20

Showing both evenings at 8:30

"No Time for Love"

Claudette Colbert Fred McMurray

Brief Items of Local Interest

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Elves left the first of the week for a month's vacation at the coast.

Miss Marjorie Lommatzsch and Miss Evelyn Phillips were recent Calgary visitors.

Friends and neighbors of the Sunny Lake and surrounding districts gathered at the school Friday night when a farewell party was held for Pte. Billy Engen. A most happy evening was spent in dancing, games and contests. Ben Dann Jr. on behalf of the assembled guests presented Billy with a Parker fountain pen and very suitably expressed the good wishes of the community. The guest-of-honor thanked his friends-most appropriately for their kindness.

Several friends of Mrs. F. B. Clark called at her home during the afternoon and evening of Monday, January 10th the occasion being the 32nd anniversary of their wedding. Among those who called were Mrs. W. D. Campbell who celebrated her 26th anniversary and Mrs. H. C. Douglass her 17th on the same day. Mrs. Clark's friends extended hearty congratulations and good wishes for many more anniversaries. The bride of 32 years ago served a delicious tea to the callers.

Mr. and Mrs. Geoff. Biddle, formerly stationed at Vulcan, were week-end visitors of Mrs. Monty Findlay. They have returned to High River where they are stationed.

The members of the Masonic lodge entertained their families and friends at a social evening recently when a most enjoyable time was had.

Mrs. J. Dobbs Sr., was a recent Calgary visitor for a few days.

Friends of Mrs. Ronald Thomas will be sorry to learn she has been confined to the hospital with an attack of flu.

Cpl. Ward Hanna, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ashley Hanna of Lomond has returned to his station at McDonald, Man., after a leave spent at his home.

The members of the Thigh Hill W. L. will hold a produce and bake sale Saturday, January 15th at 3 o'clock in the Locker Plant.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Melver were Calgary visitors Sunday when they attended the wedding of their daughter, Muriel.

Members of the local Calgary Highlanders attended the militia banquet in Calgary Saturday evening.

The Advocate has received a letter from F/O Harry Martin who tells of visiting Mr. and Mrs. Vm. Low in "Bonnie Scotland." In part he said: "I always look forward to receiving my copy of the Advocate as it keeps me up on all the town and district happenings. I can assure you each of my copies receive a thorough examination from headlines to advertisements. I can assure you also that all we Vulcanites over here enjoy the paper. I like it over here very much and have spent most of my time here in Scotland and feel quite at home. They don't come any better than the Scottish people. I expect to go to England in January so hope to run into some of our chaps. Well 'Dirty Fingers' I just thought I'd drop you a note letting you know I still read the 'Aggravate' and appreciate the copy you send me."

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Miller and son, Ronnie, are visiting friends in the Stavelly district.

Miss Helen Wood of Medicine Hat and Miss Hattie Wood of Calgary are spending a few days in the district.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:-

I don't know whether or not you will print this, but I think you should. I think the way the Vulcan rink is managed is a disgrace to this community.

Last Wednesday the airforce were allowed to have practice. When it comes to your own home team, no practice. Thursday there was no skating. Friday the airforce had practice and we finally got skating but the ice was such a mess after the Airforce got through that you could hardly skate on it.

Half-way through this season the curlers will come around, mark the rink off and have a bonspiel for a week; again no skating.

Signs posted in the rink said that the students under 16 pay \$1.25 for a season ticket; adults pay \$3.00; students between 16 and 18 must therefore be considered adults.

These things should be deeply considered by the town ratepayers.

We students sincerely hope that something will be done about the above items. Yours truly,

—Students of V.H.S.

Editor's Note—We understand that due to a mistake, some of the students were charged an adult's fee. Since that time, however, the difference in price has been paid to those over-charged.

It was indeed unfortunate that the ice was left in such condition after the airforce had practice. We have been informed that in future the ice will be cleaned and ready for use by students and adults alike.

Taber Shut Down Puzzles Oil Men

While authorities are announcing a gasoline shortage and prospect of further gas restrictions, wells in the Taber crude oil field have been closed down for a month. The explanation given for the shut down is that there is no market.

Oil Controller Cottrell has to clear up this mysterious contradiction, in the face of his announcement of shortage. Large sums are being spent on exploration for new sources of oil, yet in Taber's crude oilfield, Dominion's No. 17 well makes round 500 barrels daily. It is said that 24,000 barrels of oil are being lost monthly to Canada in the proven Taber oilfield, and the federal oil controller has been advised of supplies available.

The Taber crude has been used for blending with high gravity crude of Turner Valley in making gasoline. It is valueless for fuel oil, here are 5 producing wells now in the Taber field.

The oil is of higher gravity than that at Vermilion where a C.N.R. subsidiary has been spending great sums to increase production. Wartime Oils Ltd., is also spending government money round marginal areas of Turner Valley in hopes of stopping steady decline in total output of the Valley.

Taber oil men are baffled by the lack of attention to the capabilities of their field.

Russians have advanced 775 miles in 11 months, in driving Germans back across the Polish frontier.

A new rocket plane has been developed in British-American engineering laboratories, capable of 500 miles an hour at high altitude without use of standard propellers.

Specials for the Week

Mens Black Kip Semi Dress Boot, Solid Construction
Pre-war quality. A shoe that will stand lots of hard wear. A full range of sizes 6 to 11. At this price you save at least "one third" Special to clear at **\$2.95**

Boys Lace Gum Rubber Shoes

Sizes 11 to 2 Priced at **\$1.50** a pair.
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VULCAN SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 1902

Financial Statement and Auditor's Report For the Year Ending December 31st, 1943

— RECEIPTS —

Net balance on hand—January 1, 1943	\$ 2,410.39
Requisitions received—Town of Vulcan	\$15,000.00
Grants received—Government of Alberta	\$ 2,875.50
Tuition fees—School Divisions	\$ 1,605.00
Interest on Bonds	\$210.00
Interest on Savings	\$.87
Coal Sold	\$ 2.50
Cadets	\$ 58.75
	\$ 272.12
	\$22,161.31

— PAYMENTS —

Teachers' Salaries	\$11,940.24
Secretary-Treasurer's Salary	\$300.00
Paid on Debentures	\$ 1,537.50
Building repairs, etc.	\$ 227.47
Apparatus and Equipment	\$ 48.87
Supplies, Stationery, Postage, etc.	\$ 231.27
Caretaking	\$1,347.31
Fuel, Water, Light and Telephone	\$ 921.24
Insurance	\$ 37.12
Victory Bonds purchased	\$ 2,200.00
Paid for other purposes:	
Teachers Retirement Fund	\$59.36
Convention Expense	\$25.00
Secretary's Bond	\$ 6.00
Trustees' Association	\$ 6.00
Cadets	\$13.25
Advertising	\$23.17
Printing	\$18.10
Rent	\$21.00
Postage	\$ 7.87
	\$ 178.75
	\$18,969.77

Total Bank Balance \$3,235.84

Less: Outstanding Cheques \$ 44.30

Net Balance \$3,191.54

Cash Book Balance December 31, 1943 \$ 3,191.54

— ASSETS —

Land and Buildings	\$37,000.00
Furniture, apparatus and equipment, etc.	\$ 6,500.00
Investments—Victory Bonds	\$ 8,350.00
Government Grant receivable	\$ 756.60
Unpaid Tuition fees—School Divisions	\$ 794.50
Cash on hand and Total Bank Balance	\$ 3,235.84
	\$56,636.94

— LIABILITIES —

Debentures outstanding	\$10,324.36
Sundry accounts payable	\$ 258.40
Cheques outstanding	\$ 44.30
	\$10,627.06

We certify that the above information is in accordance with the books and records of the Vulcan School District, No. 1902, of the Province of Alberta, and from the information given to us, we believe the same to be correct.

January 11, 1944. McCANNEL BROS. & CO., Chartered Accountants
Dominion Bank Building, Calgary, Alberta

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Canada's Guarantee
450 MILLION POUNDS
Canada will try to deliver
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to help Britain maintain the present weekly ration of 4 oz. per person.

To meet this need every pig possible will be needed and **more sows should be bred now.**

In hog production the largest item of expense is **feed cost.**

Practical trials on a wide scale show that under farm conditions and with good management a pig can be raised to 200 lbs. (150 lb. carcass) on an equivalent of 1000 lbs. of barley or wheat. This includes the sow's feed.

After making a liberal allowance for other costs, such as interest, depreciation and labour, the net returns on grain fed to hogs under good management, should not be less than the amount shown below.

B-1 Hog Price at Farm	Barley per Bushel	Feed Wheat per 100 lbs.	per 100 lbs.	per 100 lbs.
15c.	74c.	\$1.54	\$0.91	\$1.51
16c.	81c.	\$1.69	\$1.00	\$1.66
17c.	88c.	\$1.83	\$1.09	\$1.81

Quality premium or bonus on hogs not included in above.

BREED SOWS FOR BRITAIN

For further information consult your Provincial Department of Agriculture, Agricultural College, nearest Dominion Experimental Farm or Live Stock Office of the Dominion Department of Agriculture.

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Dominion Department of Agriculture, Ottawa
Honourable James G. Gardiner, Minister